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All prices were unchanged throughout the week. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were moderate to good with a light demand. Liquid and frozen egg product prices were reported as steady with yolk rated as steady to mostly fully steady. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type fowl were sufficient for the good demand. Removal prices were steady at 0-10.5 cents, mostly 5-6 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand remained moderate to fairly good, best for features. Loose egg sales were usually moderate. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and adequate to at times fully adequate for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices continued unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-64	59-61
LARGE	55-63	57-60
MEDIUM	50-56	53-55

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices continued unchanged on all sizes. The market tone remained steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances fully adequate. Breaking stock offerings ranged sufficient to fully sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hen supplies were about adequate to adequate for slaughter needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-77	63-66
LARGE	57-71	62-66
MEDIUM	51-64	56-58

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.50	73.00	66.50
SOUTHEAST	73.50	71.50	64.00
MIDWEST	69.00	67.50	63.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	72.50	66.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.29	71.18	65.08

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	05-11-04	05-04-04	05-13-03
Large	38-45	47-54	32-36
Medium	33-37	42-46	29-31

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAY 10, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.4	14.5	5.1	10.5	10.9	49.4	
	Change	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.6	0%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.8	45.2	12.8	25.2	32.5	137.5	
	Change	2.9	-1.9	-4.3	0.8	-4.9	-5%	
Large	Curr Wk	40.3	114.2	66.1	98.9	110.1	429.6	
	Change	0.3	-3.6	-17.8	-20.1	-2.6	-9%	
Medium	Curr Wk	11.9	33.2	14.0	26.3	31.3	116.7	
	Change	-0.6	-4.9	1.0	6.4	3.4	5%	
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	9.3	2.0	5.7	8.5	30.7	
	Change	1.5	0.2	0.4	-0.2	1.5	12%	
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	20.9	10.5	15.7	4.3	57.2	
	Change	0.2	-2.4	-0.2	-1.3	-0.1	-6%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.7	58.8	26.5	34.1	19.8	149.9	
	Change	-7.2	-3.3	0.3	1.1	-4.9	-9%	
Total	Curr Wk	104.1	296.1	137.0	216.4	217.4	971.0	
	Percent Change	-3%	-5%	-13%	-6%	-4%	-6%	

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	971.0	-6%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	280.0	-6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1251.0	-6%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 08-MAY-04(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,304,625	29,867	12,783	7,497	3,066	4,428
PW	1,268,826	30,493	12,381	6,675	3,218	4,295
LY	1,233,065	30,375	11,304	6,319	2,302	4,397
% CHG PWK	3	-2	3	12	-5	3
% CHG LY	6	-2	13	19	33	1
2004	21,420,097	508,634	205,421	114,369	47,375	74,509
2003	20,154,232	490,831	183,406	101,453	40,166	74,740
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	13	18	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.83	42.44	42.49
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.44	39.05	38.93

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	May 01	May 08	May 01	May 08
	Thousand			
AL	30,795	30,556	22,043	22,735
AR	*31,803	31,961	*25,959	26,540
DE	3,741	3,739	4,352	4,678
FL	1,339	1,348	1,461	1,495
GA	32,862	32,369	*27,035	27,069
KY	7,169	6,954	*5,967	6,116
LA	3,998	3,988	*3,725	4,068
MD	8,887	8,901	6,378	5,670
MS	19,367	19,301	16,924	16,915
NC	*18,569	19,023	*15,498	15,179
OK	*6,605	6,588	4,652	3,929
PA	*3,851	3,886	*2,710	2,816
SC	3,759	3,760	3,715	4,344
TX	*15,324	15,475	*12,826	12,858
VA	6,642	6,653	5,210	5,236
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,993	18,055	*16,516	14,980
19 State Total	*212,704	212,557	*174,971	174,628
Previous Year Total	209,166	206,679	172,351	171,830
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 19-Jun-04 is estimated at 160.9 million head. This compares to 160.4 million head the previous week and to 161.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 61.38 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/06/04-05/12/04

CURRENT LDS 82.00 FUTURE LDS 75.00 TOTAL LDS 157.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	42.75	—	45.60	46.00	47.50	50.50	21.00
GNR W 2	—	—	41.50	43.50	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	41.00	—	—	38.50	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	61.50	62.50	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	53.00	54.00	54.73	50.12	—	40.25
GL W LG	—	53.14	51.00	52.40	47.98	51.27	27.00
GL W MD	50.00	46.00	47.40	48.80	42.25	—	15.25
GL W SM	—	—	36.00	37.50	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	44.20	—	44.00	49.00	44.57	48.00
NRBS - 45	—	43.17	—	42.00	43.00	43.00	10.25
NRBS - 39	—	35.00	34.00	35.83	37.00	—	3.50
NRBS - 36	—	—	28.00	30.00	29.50	31.00	5.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 08-MAY-04

Correction made on previous week number affecting the total and this week's comparisons

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW LY
ATLANTA	25.5	24.4	5 12
BOSTON	3.4	3.1	10 0
CHICAGO	62.8	**57.7**	**9** -6
DETROIT	28.1	24.6	14 -2
KANSAS CITY	4.3	3.4	26 34
LOS ANGELES	95.5	90.5	6 6
NEW ORLEANS	8.8	9.6	-8 -38
NEW YORK	31.3	31.0	1 -6
ST. LOUIS	16.7	16.3	2 5
SAN FRANCISCO	20.9	20.3	3 7
TOTAL	297.3	**280.9**	**6** 0
4 WK MVG AVG	282.5		

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 08-MAY-04

	YOUNG	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,951	2,446	61	13 4,471
AVG WT	15.80	37.50	25.58	27.15 27.84
LAST WEEK	1,753	2,524	27	1 4,305
SAME WK YR AGO	2,123	2,910	96	5 5,134
AVG WT	15.99	37.41	28.20	36.52 28.38
TO-DATE/2004	30,757	44,464	815	137 76,173
TO-DATE/2003	31,859	49,073	1,126	279 82,337

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 08-MAY-04

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT		-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	852	7	22.07	(A)	855	22.07	
SATL	735	5	28.91	(A)	738	28.91	
N CENT	1,964	2	32.63	(A)	1,967	32.63	
S CENT	561	7	20.99	(A)	563	20.99	
WEST	346	-4	23.74	(A)	348	23.74	
U.S. TOTAL	4,458 (B)	4	27.84	13	4,471	27.84	
TO-DATE							
2004	76,036 (B)			137	76,173		
TO-DATE							
2003	82,058 (B)			279	82,337		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 61,000; for the current year to date 815,000; for last year to date 1,126,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 08-May-04
(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,101	1,328	1,354	2,682	467
AVG WT	5.33	3.22	7.97	5.62	6.65
LAST WEEK	157,894	1,299	1,385	2,684	449
SAME WK YR AGO	155,587	1,586	1,364	2,950	483
AVG WT	5.20	3.40	8.02	5.54	6.93
TO-DATE/2004	2,768,092	23,385	22,959	46,344	8,286
TO-DATE/2003	2,726,482	31,023	23,933	54,956	7,616

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.0 million head or 2.9 which was 98% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-May-04

	Current Week 05/15/04(1)	Previous Week 05/08/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	164,139(2)	161,957
LT HENS	1,513	1,411
HVY HENS	1,019	1,451
TOTAL	166,671	164,819

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-May-04 is 162.6 million head compared to 157.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.5 million head or 1.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 22-May-04 the estimated available is 162.3 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL				
3	153.9	156.9	98%	5.19
10	152.3	157.6	97%	5.22
17	154.0	158.8	97%	5.26
24	157.9	159.9	99%	5.20
MAY				
1	159.8	161.1	99%	5.30
8	159.0	161.9	98%	5.33
YEAR TO DATE	2642.8	2679.4	99%	
MAY				
15		162.6		
22		162.3		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 05/10/04-05/14/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	73.00-76.00	75.71	44	77.96	78
Los Angeles	81.00	80.65	65	79.88	150
New York	77.00-80.00	78.10	24	76.63	54

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
10-May-04	3-May-04	3-May-04	12-May-03
78.12	0.29	77.83	59.20

NUMBER OF LOADS 616

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	05/10/04	3,429	183,178	43,465
AM	05/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG		234	-280	1706
PCT		7%	0%	4%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 10-May-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.25-10.25 CENTS/LB.	9-9.25	9.19
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-12.25 CENTS/LB.	9-9.75	9.49

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 07-May-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	0-12	8.5-10.5
So. Central	Too Few To Report	
No. Central	0-10.5	5-6

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 08-May-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	212.6	0	2
E.N. CENTRAL	562.3	8	13
W.N. CENTRAL	278.6	2	6
S. ATLANTIC	190.5	-6	-2
S. CENTRAL	69.7	0	10
WEST	177.0	7	-4
TOTAL	1490.7	3	6
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

AREAS COVERED:

NORTH ATLANTIC (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

EAST NORTH CENTRAL (WI, IL,MI,OH,IN)

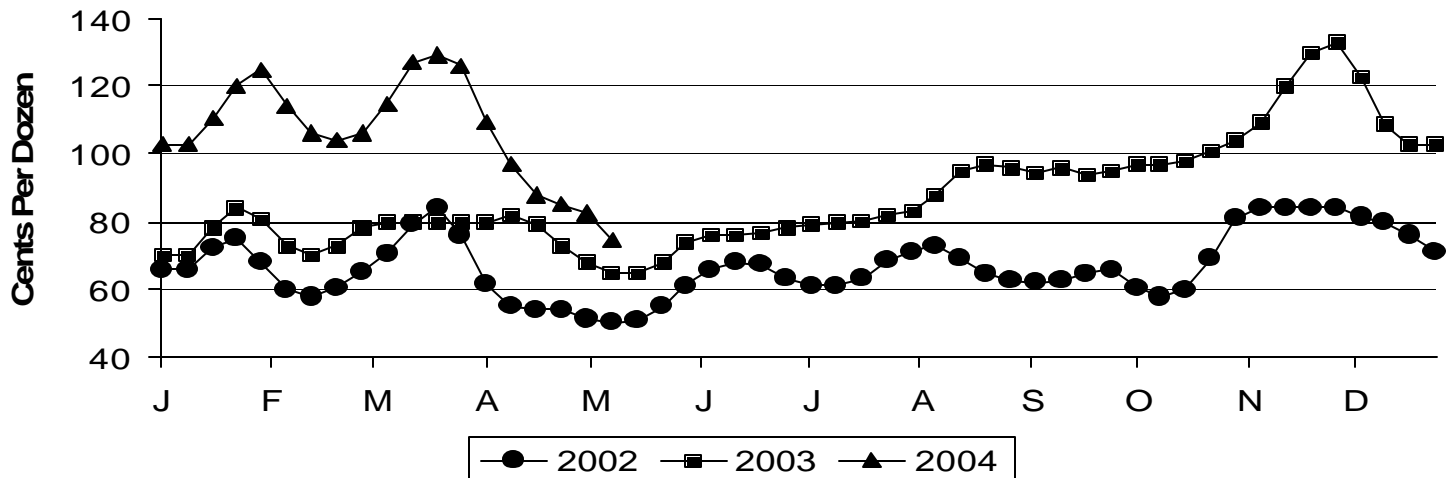
WEST NORTH CENTRAL (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

SOUTH ATLANTIC (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

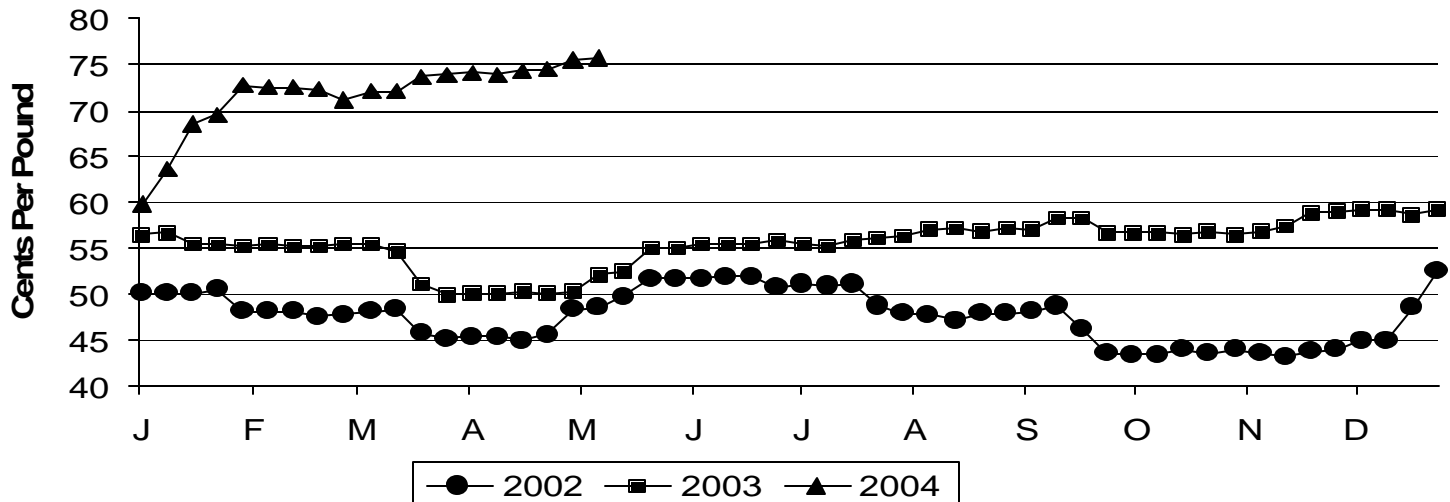
SOUTH CENTRAL(TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

WEST (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

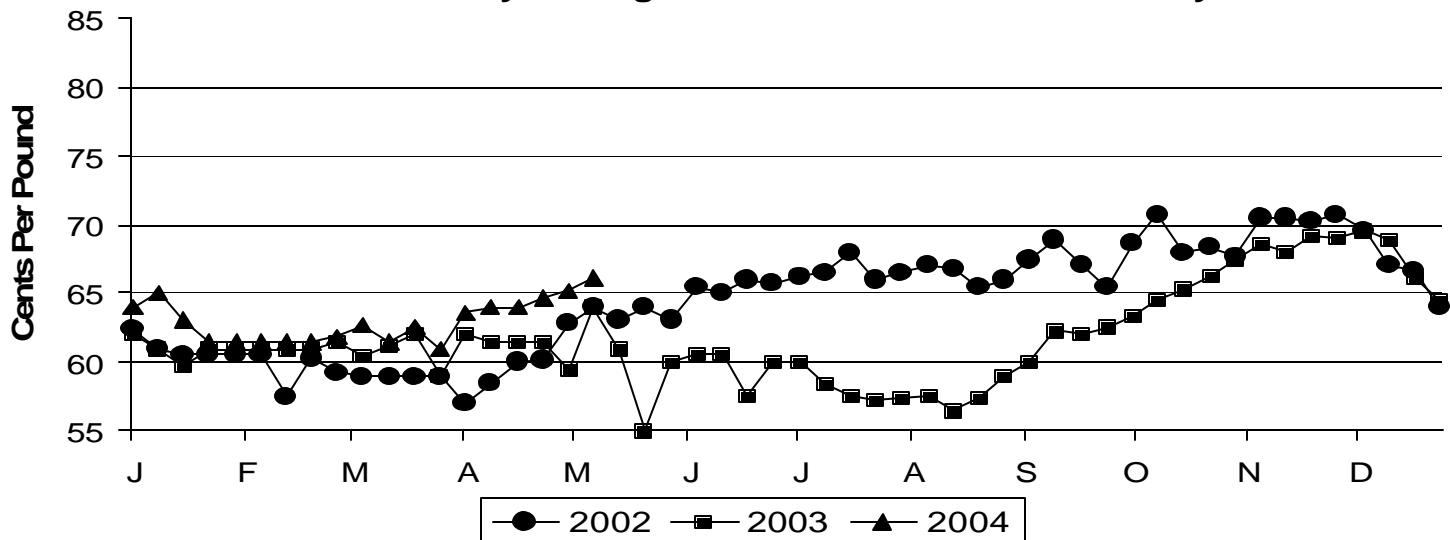
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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